

## REGIONAL BOARD MEETING

State of California  
California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Colorado River Basin Region

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT  
January 10, 2019, 9:00 a.m.

ITEM: 4

SUBJECT: Rescission of two Waste Discharge Requirements:

1. Order 08-005, Former Unocal GEMCOR Geothermal Facility, 950 West Linsey Road, Calipatria, California, 92233, and
2. Order R7-2002-0010, Desert Solutions Inc. Composting Facility, 67780 Edom Hill Road, Cathedral City, California 92234.

PURPOSE: Proposed Order R7-2019-0012 rescinds two Waste Discharge Requirements that are obsolete and/or no longer needed.

### BACKGROUND:

Order 89-005 regulated discharges associated with a site cleanup project that started in 1989 and was completed in 1993. The site cleanup addressed soils contaminated with lead and arsenic by geothermal brines. Groundwater was not addressed by the Order.

Order R7-2002-0100 was adopted for a proposed composting facility that was never built.

### CURRENT STATUS:

The permitted process at the GEMCOR facility is completed, and the Order is obsolete.

The proposed Desert Solutions composting facility was never constructed or operated. The current owner of the property, Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc., has decided to reapply for a different composting facility at this location through the City of Cathedral City as a new Conditional Use Permit.

### ISSUES:

At the GEMCOR Facility, elevated concentrations of lead, arsenic and salts are present in the groundwater. The groundwater issues are regulated under Cleanup and Abatement Order R7-2011-0006, which is not being rescinded.

No known issues of concern are associated with the proposed Desert Solutions composting facility.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No comments were received from the public.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt proposed Order R7-2019-0012.